

Franklin County Council February 27, 2007  
County Council meeting room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Donald "Butch" Williams  
Brad Spurlock  
Hollie Sintz  
Kenneth Rosenberger  
Jeff Koch  
Martha Bergman  
Carroll Lanning

Elected officials:

Marlene Flaspohler  
Louis Linkel  
Dale Maxie  
Eric Roberts

Franklin County Auditor  
Carol L. Monroe

\*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

I. Minutes (January 23, 2007)

- a. Carroll Lanning – correction to I.e. = should have been Brad Spurlock. Motion to make correction and approve minutes
- b. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried

II. E-911 Surcharge

- a. Tracy Lightfield – distributes information in regards to E-911 surcharge (see attached). Commissioners are in support of this. This is basically the cost of doing business
- b. Hollie Sintz – how are you doing on grants?
- c. Tracy Lightfield – have applied for one that we qualify for. Did go to a disaster meeting about a month ago and talked to the grant writer and at that time it didn't look like there would be anything. Last night at the Franklin County Chiefs Association (meeting) we talked about them having us over a barrel. Every time you turn around it is something else. I am required to have some kind of disaster litigation plan. There is so much below the water you don't even see before you get there. We did get the money from the wireless board in two disbursements in the amount of \$35,155.97. We have a line for equipment but I will have to come and ask for an appropriation for that money. At this point if we don't get ahead of the game now-it just keeps dropping off. Our data lines have falling down under 8,000 and a few years back it was over 10,000.
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – a lot of people saw the newscast – the city of Cincinnati talking about the money they received from homeland security money. Franklin County is expected to be the back up if there is a major catastrophe for Cincinnati.
- e. Tracy Lightfield – they tie your hands
- f. Donald "Butch" Williams – this is the time when the taxpayers need to write their U.S. congressman. Tracy is asking to raise the 911 surcharge. It would be a .70 per month for all subscribers to a land base phone.
- g. Tracy Lightfield – there was a change in the code a few years ago. One of the things they will allow you to purchase is the reverse 911. If we had to have an evacuation there is just no way to effectively notify everyone that needs notified.
- h. Brad Spurlock – is the state looking at helping the counties with the wireless?
- i. Tracy Lightfield – the head of the wireless board was at Fayette County today.
- j. Hollie Sintz – did we talk about the towns helping out?
- k. Donald "Butch" Williams – we have an agreement with the town of Brookville.
- l. Carroll Lanning – how long does it take to in-act this?
- m. Tracy Lightfield – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month after its passage.
- n. Donald "Butch" Williams – May
- o. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to increase the surcharge .70 (seventy cents)
- p. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
- q. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; opposed (1). Motion carried.

III. 2006 Report BLRWD

- a. Ted Stubbs – here tonight to provide you an updated report of last years activities. Distributes report and reviews with County Council. We did finish the year about 2% above in revenue and about 6½% below expenses. Hoping to absorb increases without passing that on. The board asked the state to reduce the board from 7 to 9, reducing the appointments from Union county.
- b. Donald "Butch" Williams – thanks Ted

IV. **Resolution 2007-04**, Transfer of Funds

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
- b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution 2007-04
- c. Martha Bergman – seconds the motion
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried

V. **Amended Salary Ordinance 2007-03**

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads amendments-note the bi-weekly for highway is correct but the yearly salary was not reduced.
- b. Jeff Koch – what is with the highway department?
- c. Hollie Sintz – the overtime is depleted for the year. Hopefully this will generate money needed for an emergency. We are totally out of overtime money. The MVH fund once a month gets draw well over \$160,000.00 and this last month it was \$97,000.00. We have to cut and tighten out belts.
- d. Jeff Koch – at budget hearings we had someone from the highway come in.
- e. Hollie Sintz – at budget time we had a c.d. We spent so much money in 2006 on new equipment.

- f. Donald "Butch" Williams – how much have we spent in overtime?
- g. Hollie Sintz – around \$17,000.00
- h. Brad Spurlock – don't think this is very fair
- i. Louis Linkel – this is less painful than laying a couple guys off
- j. Carroll Lanning – it is better than losing someone's job
- k. Hollie Sintz – it is just temporary.
- l. Donald "Butch" Williams – we are not wanting to manage the highway, just hate to see those guys loose the money
- m. Hollie Sintz - Louis Linkel did talk to council (Gene Stewart)
- n. Brad Spurlock – would like to keep in mind to make it up if we can
- o. Hollie Sintz – afraid that highway will end up like general (fund)
- p. Donald "Butch" Williams – they done a good job this year.
- q. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to accept salary ordinance 2007-03 and for highway yearly salary be adjusted accordingly
- r. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
- s. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; 2 for 4 against 1 abstained. What happens if you lay someone off?
- t. Carol L. Monroe – unemployment
- u. Hollie Sintz – we don't have money in unemployment
- v. Carroll Lanning – I was in a similar situation. It is better for every one to take a few hundred less than someone loose a job.
- w. Donald "Butch" Williams – how many employees are in Franklin County? Would the balance of the employees of Franklin County willing to take 2 ½ days without pay? I don't think so-I understand the highway's problem.
- x. Kenneth Rosenberger – won't the difference in what they made in overtime make up?
- y. Carroll Lanning – could they take ½ day off here and there with pay to get their money back?
- z. Eric Roberts – I didn't sign the resolution and it doesn't say end of the month it says until further notice. I think it is a crime to punish those guys.
- aa. Brad Spurlock – is there not anywhere else we can pay out of?
- bb. Carol L. Monroe – that is up to you; can the overtime money be paid out of rainy day fund?
- cc. Donald "Butch" Williams – we are looking at \$2,000.00
- dd. Jeff Koch – would not have an problem taking it out of rainy day
- ee. Donald "Butch" Williams – if this \$2,000.00 doesn't fix it then we will re-visit it again.
- ff. Carroll Lanning, Kenneth Rosenberger, Brad Spurlock – agree
- gg. Commissioners agree
- hh. Brad Spurlock – motion to accept all changes to salary ordinance except the highway
- ii. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
- jj. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; 1 abstained; motion carried

#### VI. Additional Appropriation / Resolution 2007-06

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
- b. Carol L. Monroe – last year there was an ordinance brought before council about over budgets-the elected official or department head would be personally responsible instead of me. This is one of those reasons why I would like that passed. Here we sit and council has agreed to let prosecutor spend \$7,500.00 additional out of county general after you told him he could not have it last year. I have to pay it now and if the budget is not approved, council will have to find somewhere to take that money.
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – don't remember talking about the additional \$2,500.00 he (prosecutor) is talking about
- d. Carol L. Monroe – he did not mention that
- e. Jeff Koch – want people to come in front of us for an additional
- f. Brad Spurlock – motion to accept additional except for \$2,500.00 out of county general and highway
- g. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
- h. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.

#### VII. Brookville Lake Senior Housing / Economic Development

- a. Renee Stivers – The State, County, and Town highway did a wonderful job. Last year you had a proposition before you to sign off on an abatement (tape 2)
- b. Jud McMillan – Renee has done the research and believes this is the right thing to do. The best thing to do would be to do a joint resolution
- c. Renee Stivers – we are talking about a 4million dollar project.
- d. Ken Nelson – there would be 35 units all senior living community. A section of the building would be a community room. All units have a full kitchen. The taxable base is sold to an investor. We submitted the application last year and fell a few points short. One of the things that happened is the REMC has given us a rebate (appliances/furnaces/etc.). We are putting a package together relying on contributions.
- e. Renee Stivers – there are two other in the area-one in Batesville and one in Bright
- f. Carroll Lanning – our abatement goes toward our contribution
- g. Ken Nelson – yes. We also worked with soil and water last year and we will be picking up some of the water from the residential. These developments are basis driven so you can do some of the extra things.
- h. Renee Stivers – We need Butch (Williams, Council President) to be able to sign off.
- i. Carroll Lanning – what will be added - employee
- j. Ken Nelson – probably 1 ½ employee but it is a 4million dollar project
- k. Carroll Lanning – move to have Butch sign off on abatements for Brookville Lake Senior Housing
- l. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion; opposed 2; motion carried

#### VIII. Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Appointment

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – John Cookendorfer held that position and he would like to retain that appointment
- b. Carroll Lanning – motion to retain John Cookendorfer
- c. Jeff Koch seconds the motion

- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- IX. Adjourn
  - a. Brad Spurlock - motion to adjourn
  - b. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.

Those also present

Susan Jones

James Wiler

Don Vonder Meulen

Tracy Lightfield, E-911 Director

Bev Woodruff, Whitewater Publications

Jud McMillin

Ted Stubbs, BLRWD

Ken Nelson

To be approved March 27, 2007